

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Birch Master

Days from
Home Sunday July 12th

104

Commenced with a moderate breeze & heavy swell from S.W. at 2 P.M. all sail set, heading W. S.W. at 7 P.M., calm, 4 sails in sight remains calm till 7 A.M. at that time took a light breeze from S., heading S. S.W. & sailing on all A.M.,

Lat. by Obs. 57.03
Long. by Chron. 66.34

Cape Horn,

Appearance of Cape Horn & adjacent islands as seen from deck, Cape Horn bearing S. by W. distant 25 miles,

Monday July 13th

at 11 A.M. passed an English Merchant-Ship, making on her stern in quick letters the name old England.

105

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W. heading W. Ch. W. at 2 P.M. heading off Ch. W. tacked ship heading S. S.W. at 1/2 past 2 heading off S. S.W. tacked back again heading W. Ch. W. at 4 P.M. doubled reef topsails, at 5 P.M. saw Cape Horn, & adjacent islands bearing Ch. Ch. W. distant 37 miles, at 8 P.M. distant 25 miles, tacked ship heading up S. S. E., strong current setting to S. E. 4 ships in sight, from W. breeze continues strongly through out, heading S. & S. S.W. later part of the heading up W. S. W.

Lat. by Obs. 57.18
Long. by Chron. 67.50

Tuesday July 14th

at 1 P.M. passed an English Merchant-Ship, making on her stern the name Elfringham of Queenstown, Ith.

106

Commenced with a strong breeze from W. & W. S.W. heading S. & S. S.W. carrying all sail, 4 ships in sight, foul weather wind continues strong from W. & W. S.W. all these 24 hours heading to S. & making S.W. by S. course saw 4 sails this morning.

Lat. by Obs. 57.16
Long. by Chron. 70.17

Wednesday July 15th

Pacific Ocean

107

Commenced with a good breeze from W. heading S. & S. S.W. weather changed some clear, some rain, some squalls & some moderate, all A.M. pleasant weather & a heavy on breeze from W. heading S. & S. S.W. making S.W. by S. course, there being 26 Easterly Distants.

Lat. by Obs. 57.59
Long. by Chron. 72.11

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Days from
Home Thursday July 16th

108

Commenced with pleasant & heavy breeze from W. heading S. & S. W. at 3 P.M. tacked ship heading Ch. W. at 7 P.M. strong breeze, weather remains all these 24 hours, stood to Ch. W. till 5 A.M. tacked & stood to S. wind gradually hauling to Ch. with rain.

Friday July 17

Commenced with a moderate breeze from Ch. W. with rain at 1 P.M. wind from Ch. steering by compass from 1. to 5 P.M. fresh breezes, at 8 P.M. moderate at 9 P.M. wind hauled round. W. commenced breasting at 10 under double reef stapsail, at 11 took in gill & main sail, at 2 A.M. took in fore & main topsails at 3 close reefed main, at 5 took in fore sail, blowing hard, at 9 moderated some.

Lat. by Obs. 58.31
Long. by Chron. 73.50

Saturday July 18th

Commenced with a moderate gale from W. heading S. by W. at 10 A.M. ship heading up Ch. W. by Ch. set the fore sail, at 2 P.M. set close reef fore topsail, at 3 set main topsail, gill & main sail, at 7 P.M. set single reef main topsail, later part of P.M. set main topsail, at 2 A.M. tacked ship heading S. by W. at 5 tacked again heading Ch. W. fresh breezes all A.M.

Lat. by Obs. 59.16
Long. by Chron. 75.26

Sunday July 19th

Commenced with a strong breeze from W. at noon W. ship heading S. W. by S. at one took in topgallant sail, at 3 doubled reefed topsails wind continuing to Ch. heading S. W. by W. between 12 & 5 A.M. blowing a heavy gale from Ch. true, at 7 A.M. set double reef topsails, & remain so all A.M.

Lat. by Obs. 59.52
Long. by Chron. 75.54